

Church News.

Canada.

Rev. Mr. Eadie will be inducted into charge of Point Edward on 12th Dec., at 2 p.m.

The Young People's Society, of St. Andrew's church, Gananoque, held an enjoyable social meeting at the residence of Mayor Byers.

The Sabbath School convention held in Deseronto under the auspices of District No. 2, Eastern Ontario, passed off admirably and much good is expected from the meetings.

On Thursday, 23rd ult., Thanksgiving services were held at Winchester, Ont. In the morning Rev. Donald Stewart, of Dunbar, delivered an appropriate and impressive discourse based upon Micah ii. 10. The collection amounted to over \$70, which will be distributed among the following schemes of the Church, viz.: French Evangelization, Queen's and Manitoba Colleges. In the evening the Willing Workers gave a social and entertainment in aid of the building fund of the new church. A very large audience assembled. The pastor in a few well chosen remarks called Dr. McLaughlin to the chair. Inspiring and stirring addresses were given by Revs. Stewart, of Dunbar; Glog, of Morewood, and Huxtable, of Winchester. Rev. Mr. Connery, pastor of the church, gave several readings and recitations. The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$11. Since Mr. Connery's settlement at Winchester a few months ago, the church has become overcrowded at all the services. Encouraged by this success the congregation have secured a lot in a central position in the town, and in the spring intend to expend \$10,000 in a new church.

The Stewarston Presbyterians may well feel proud of their church which, as enlarged, was so appropriately opened by Rev. J. J. Macdonnell, B.D., of Toronto, on Sunday, the 20th November, 1893. As had been aptly said the church is larger, prettier, better than ever, probably the finest suburban ecclesiastical edifice in the district and stands a monument to the zeal, courage, and generosity of its members. The history of Stewarston church is short but eventful. On the 9th November, 1890, regular Sabbath services were established in a school-room, capable of holding about 60 persons, and under the supervision of the interim session appointed by the Presbytery of Ottawa. Subsequently ground was purchased in Argyle avenue, and thereon was erected a neat brick building, seated for 350 persons, and which was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God in July, 1891. On the 25th January, 1891, the first communicants, numbering 26, sat down at the table of their Lord. Now the communion roll shows an active membership of 155 exclusive of those who have withdrawn through leaving Ottawa. In June 1891, immediately after graduating, the Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., son of Rev. Robert Knowles, of Pembroke, an old and much respected minister, was ordained and inducted pastor. To his earnestness in the presentation of the story of redeeming love, and his ability as a preacher is largely due the increase of the congregation. The members of session as at present constituted, in addition to the minister, are Messrs. D. B. MacTavish, Q.C., W. W. Stephen, and J. B. Halbert, while Messrs. James Skead and J. S. Durn are the energetic Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Managers. There are several organizations in connection with the church, perhaps the most prominent being the Ladies' Aid Society and Young People's Association. Early in 1893, the session knowing that the demand for pews considerably exceeded what was at its disposal asked for increased accommodation. The managers at once took the necessary action resulting in the present church comfortably seated to hold between 600 and 700. As intimated, the formal re-opening took place on the 20th November, the session being very fortunate in obtaining the services of one so widely known for his pulpit eloquence and his enthusiasm in the work of Him whose minister he is. In the forenoon, Mr. Macdonnell, assisted in the services by the pastor

and his father, preached on "Christ's gifts to the Church," and from Ephesians iv. 11 and 13, drew a number of inspiring and pertinent lessons. At the evening service, he discoursed from Philippians iii. 19, 20, showing how Christians should live in this world to fit them for their heritage as citizens of heaven. It is needless to say both sermons were worthy the man and the occasion, and were listened to with rapt attention by the large congregation. Amongst those present in the morning, were Their Excellencies the Governor General and the Countess of Aberdeen, with members of their family and suite. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. In the evening hundreds could not gain admittance and many had to stand during the entire service. Those who had the privilege of being present will long remember the day. Let us hope the Gospel message so earnestly given and so eloquently proclaimed may bring forth much fruit in the upbuilding of Christian character and to the glory of Him who is King and Head of the church.

Rev. Dr. Laing's Jubilee.

Not to many ministers of the Gospel, says the Banner of the 9th ult., is it given to sustain twenty years of uninterrupted and cordial relations with one congregation, each year but welding additional ties of friendship and regard between pastor and people, as it has been to Rev. John Laing, D.D., of Knox church, Dundas. Sabbath last was the twentieth anniversary of his induction to Knox church, and to commemorate the occasion, Rev. McMullen, of Woodstock, a life long friend, was present and occupied the pulpit morning and evening. At these sermons Dr. Laing gave a synopsis of the work of the congregation during the past two decades, and of the progress made. The comparisons were most gratifying and showed great strides yearly, materially and spiritually. On Monday evening a general invitation was given to the congregations of this several denominations in town to be present at Knox church and partake of the doctor's hospitality, and the invitation was most heartily accepted. Tea was served in the basement, and after an hour or two spent socially, an adjournment was made upstairs to listen to a programme of music, interspersed with speeches. Letters and telegrams of regret at being unable to be present were received from Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Brantford; Rev. E. A. Irving, John Bertram, Mayor McKechnie, James More and Samuel Greay, Hamilton. Dr. Laing's address dealt much with the statistics of the church from the time he was inducted to his charge here on Nov. 5th, 1873, to the present day. Rev. Dr. McMullen spoke about his long friendship with Dr. Laing, and recalled many reminiscences of their experiences as they grew into manhood. He said that Dr. Laing had been cut out for a professorship, and would assuredly have been appointed one had he not accepted a call to Scarborough. But then Dr. Laing remarks that if he had become a professor and had he not taken the open air incidental to a country parish, he would have been dead ten years ago. Short speeches, congratulatory of the eminent service of the doctor to Knox church, and the Church at large, were made by Rev. Dr. D. H. Fletcher, of McNab street church, Hamilton; Rev. John Kay, Methodist church, Dundas; Thomas Bain, M.P., and Geo. F. Burrows. Music was given by the choir under the leadership of W. More, and was an enjoyable feature of the evening. Very few of Dr. Laing's many friends and admirers in the town were absent from the reunion, and these present evinced as much pleasure in congratulating the doctor on having completed two decades of the ministry in Dundas as he did in having so many kind faces about him enjoying his hospitality. May he be spared many years more to continue in Knox church was the hope of all. The children of the Sabbath school were entertained on Tuesday evening. Some of the statistics of the school work will be interesting. During 20 years the school has collected for all purposes \$1,531, rising from \$47 to \$218 yearly. For missions the amount is \$760, begun in 1877, and rising

from \$7 to \$130, the best year being \$162. There has been an increase in the roll from 110 to 221, with an average attendance of 133. There have been three superintendents, twenty secretaries and librarians, and thirty six male and fifty-nine lady teachers. Two scholars have entered the ministry, Rev. W. J. Clark and Rev. Charles Herald, and there are now three graduates at college studying to enter the Church.

Presbytery of Montreal.

The Presbytery of Montreal met in the Presbyterian College, on Thursday, the 30th day of November, at 10 a.m., and sustained a call from Russelltown and Covey Hill, to Rev. J. W. McLeod, St. Luke's, South Finch, in the Presbytery of Glengarry.

Presbytery of Paris.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Presbytery was held in Paris on the 28th Nov. Rev. R. G. Sinclair presiding as Moderator. A call to Mr. J. S. Hardie, of Ayr, from Petrolia, in Sarnia Presbytery, was considered, and representatives of Sarnia Presbytery, and both congregations having been heard, a strong deputation from Ayr, testifying the earnest desire of the congregation to retain Mr. Hardie, the translation was refused. A call from St. Andrew's church, Windsor, in Chatham Presbytery, was then dealt with, said call being addressed to Mr. J. O. Tolmie, B.A., of First church, Brantford. Parties were heard, including Rev. W. M. Fleming, for Chatham Presbytery, and Messrs. Bartlett and McGregor, M.P., for the congregation of Windsor, and a strong deputation from First church, Brantford, opposing the translation. After deliberation the translation was granted, the Presbytery expressing regret at parting with Mr. Tolmie, and extending sympathizing to First church, Brantford. The Moderator of Presbytery was appointed to declare the pulpit of First church vacant and act as moderator of session during the vacancy. A committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute on the death of the late Mr. D. M. Beattie, B.D., minister in East Oxford and Blenheim, expressive of the Presbytery's affection for their departed brother, and sympathy for his widow and children. Next meeting is to be held in Paris, Feb. 8th, at 10 a.m., being date and place of the W. F. M. S. annual meeting.—W. T. McMULLEN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Huron.

This Presbytery met in Brucefield on the 14th November. The treasurer's book was audited and attested. Messrs. Stuart and Shaw were appointed to address the meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society in January. A committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Martin, Musgrave, Fletcher, Dr. McDonald, ministers, and McLaren, Aikenhead and Mellis, elders, to consider the action of the Assembly's sub-committee in refusing to grant the supplement hitherto given to Bayfield and Bethany, and that asked for Leeburn and Union church, Goderich township. A call was sustained in favour of Rev. George McLennan, from Bayfield and Bethany, and conditional arrangements made for his induction. Questions were drafted and approved of, to be submitted to our Christian Endeavour Societies. Committees were appointed to consider the reports of Assembly and report at next meeting. The following deliverance being submitted by Mr. Acherson in re the decease of the late Mr. Simpson, was adopted. "The Presbytery of Huron, in session assembled, would recognize the hand of the Lord in calling from their midst their brother, Rev. J. H. Simpson, pastor of the congregation of Union church, Brucefield. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. Our brother has been summoned early in life to rest from his labours, and entered upon his reward. The Lord gave to him gifts of a high order, which were faithfully used in seeking to advance His kingdom among men; and now that he has been called home the Presbytery